

CURRENT COMMENTS

Mr. Geo. L. Stewart, of Brooke, was here Thursday.

Mr. B. S. Pates was at Quantico and Cherry Hill Thursday.

Mr. Henry Garnett was in Washington Thursday on business.

Hon. C. R. Coleman, of Spotsylvania, was here Thursday.

J. T. Lowery & Co., manager, Mr. H. R. Gouldman, has gone north to buy new goods for their store.

Mr. A. P. Dempsey was at Cherry Hill Thursday on business.

Your dollar will go a long way at S. Kaufman's, the jeweler in house cleaning sale. Stop in and see what's going on at nine-nine Main street. All goods reduced from 10 to 25 per cent.

Miss Eliza Orrick, of Spotsylvania, is visiting relatives in Henrico Co.

Full stock of wedding gifts of sterling flat and hollow ware, glassware, hand cut glass and local American and imported hand-painted china will be found at the up-to-date Norris Jewelry Store, 619 Main St.

Mrs. W. C. Orrick, of Spotsylvania, left Thursday for a visit to Richmond.

Women and misses' suits and cloaks at sacrifice. If you have been waiting for this big reduction in prices come quick and get the choice of this large assortment. The N. Brent Store.

Prof. A. B. Chandler, Jr., Inspector of Schools, was in Richmond Thursday.

Invest your Christmas money in a lasting gift of jewelry or silverware. From the reliable Norris Jewelry Store, 619 Main St.

Miss Anne Towles, of Spotsylvania, attended the marriage of her niece, Miss Adams, here Wednesday evening.

Headquarters for 18 K seamless wedding rings in Tiffany, broad and oval shapes. Expert hand engraving given free in each ring sold. The Reliable Norris Jewelry Store.

Messrs. H. K. Sweetser, W. A. Smith and D. S. Quinton are attending the Poultry Show in Richmond.

C. W. Jones and all his employees are very busy going over stock and in a few days Jones has something very important to tell you.

Mr. Joseph Boxley, who is traveling for the G. & H. Clothing Company, and Mr. L. G. Roney, who is traveling with Mr. B. Guying furs, spent Wednesday night here.

Be getting your money together. In a few days C. W. Jones will have some great values to offer you. Everything (winter) is going to be sold.

Mr. F. H. Briggs, special agent of the German-American Insurance Company, was here Wednesday to adjust the loss of Mr. Edna Howard Houghton at Storck, in Stafford.

Call on Decker & Alrich for Rapahannock Rubber Roofing, one, two and three ply.

Mr. C. H. Pearson, of "Chester Valley," Caroline, was a visitor to our office Wednesday. Mr. Pearson spoke in nice terms of the Free Lance, saying it was considered the best local paper in Virginia. Mr. Pearson is popular here and always receives a warm greeting from friends when he comes to town.

Our pure old apple vinegar will give you perfect satisfaction and is the best to obtain for pickling purposes. Price the gallon 35c. W. L. Brannan.

Mr. W. Barton Mason was here Friday.

Mr. L. E. Ferrell was in Caroline on business Friday.

Mrs. Pormella Dodd, of Stafford, is a guest of her son, Mr. L. Ash-ton Dodd. Mrs. Dodd and her late husband, Mr. A. B. Dodd, have since their foundation.

Mr. R. P. Blake, traveling salesman for Chas. E. Brainer & Co., Richmond, is a guest of his brother, Mr. W. N. Blake, on Washington avenue.

THE CASE OF GRAVES

V. COMFORT AND WOOLFOLK

Decision Sustained by State Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeals of the State has rendered a decision sustaining the decision of the late Judge John E. Mason in the case of Graves vs. Comfort and Woolfolk, appealed from the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania county, in which Mrs. B. F. Graves is decreed the land involved.

The defendants, Comfort and Woolfolk, and their bondsmen are decreed to pay the cost in both the Circuit and Appellate Courts. The costs, it is estimated, will be about \$750.

It was in the proceedings of this case that Attorney Powell narrowly escaped being killed in a difficulty by R. V. Graves in the Bradford building in this city.

One of the defendants, Lucian Comfort, lost his life by being drowned while in an effort to reach this city, where depositions were being taken in the case.

The records in this case are said to be the most voluminous ever had in Spotsylvania Circuit Court.

The attorneys for Mrs. Graves were Messrs. W. D. Carter, E. W. Carter and Lee J. Graves; for the defendants, S. P. Powell, of Spotsylvania, and Hon. R. L. Gordon, of Louisa.

Mr. E. W. Carter, during the absence of Mr. L. J. Graves and W. D. Carter, argued the case alone in the court of Appeals.

MR. T. F. MORRISON

Moves With His Family to This City.

Mr. Thomas F. Morrison, one of Spotsylvania county's most enterprising successful farmers, who sold his home and estate on the plant road, two miles from this city to Mr. George W. Hefflin, of this city, moved to the city Thursday and he and his daughter, Miss Grace, will live with his son, Mr. Oliver Morrison, on Lee Ave. until Mr. Morrison erects his residence on the lot recently purchased by him in front of Mr. J. P. Rowe's residence on Hanover street.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mr. Clarence Sale, of Caroline county, has accepted a position with the popular dry goods house of G. Frank Timberlake, where he will be pleased to see his many friends.

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THE ALMS HOUSE QUESTION

Field Adjoining Fair Grounds Will Be Considered.

The question of a location of a new alms house, the city having concluded to sell the present site to the State Normal School, has been agitating the minds of members of the City Council and a number of citizens for some time.

A solution of this problem may be found in the suggestion of Capt. M. B. Rowe, made at a meeting of the Fair Directors Thursday. He stated that the tract of land just east of the fair grounds property is not utilized by the society and that it could be given over to the city on most reasonable terms.

It is understood that a number of members of the City Council are impressed with the idea and the matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Council, unless there should be some legal obstacles.

It is a healthy location, a convenient point, isolated from other property and non-taxable, and possesses advantages which possibly could not be found on other locations.

The matter will at least be thoroughly considered.

MR. MERCER TENNENT DEAD

King Georgian Passes Away in Baltimore.

Mr. Mercer Tennant, of King George county, who was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, some time ago for treatment, died there Wednesday of stomach trouble, aged 65 years.

He was taken Thursday to King George and interred at his old home, "Waverley," on the Potomac, near Mathias Point.

Mr. Tennant is survived by his wife and one brother, Mr. Geo. W. Tennant.

TRYING TO LOCATE

DEAD MAN'S RELATIVES

Charles Kronquist, aged 49, who died Wednesday in the Washington Asylum Hospital, did not commit suicide as was reported. He is said to have died of Bright's disease. His mind had become affected.

Kronquist worked here as a machinist for some time. During his stay in the police court under the charge of drunkenness, the Washington authorities tried to locate some of his relatives, but at last accounts had not succeeded.

BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Annual Business Meeting to Be Held At 3 P. M.

The regular services will take place at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. A. Williams will preach. Subject, "The Largeness of Life."

The regular annual business meeting of the church will take place at 3 p. m. instead of at night, as has been the custom. No services will be held at night.

STAFFORD CONFEDERATE DEAD

Mr. Peter Newton, of Stafford county, died Friday morning of paralysis, aged 70 years.

Mr. Newton was a Confederate soldier, having served with the Fredericksburg Artillery, in Cooper's Battery, throughout the civil war.

He was well known in his county and in this city. One sister, Mrs. Sally Newton, of Stafford, survives him.

\$100 REWARD

For Arrest of Parties Who Robbed J. R. Weedon

The board of supervisors of King George met Thursday and offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties, who robbed Mr. J. R. Weedon on the night of Jan. 7th.

MR. AND MRS. W. J. BUTZNER

RESIDENTS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Butzner, of Spotsylvania county, are now residents of Fredericksburg and will be living at the home of their son, Commonwealth's Attorney W. W. Butzner, on Charles street.

JENKINS-ADAMS

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride on lower Main street Wednesday evening when Miss Mary Anne Adams, daughter of the late Joseph W. Adams, and Mr. Mark Williams Jenkins were united in marriage by Rev. J. R. Jacobs, pastor of the Methodist church.

The bride was attired in a brown serge suit with hat and gloves to match. They will make their home in this city.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Marcella Fitzhugh, of Hickory Fork, King George county, hereby announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Salie Anneta, to Mr. William Herbert Hudson, of Germ King George county, Va., at Hanover church Jan. 24, 1911, at 4 o'clock p. m.

RAINES-SMITH

Mr. Barnett Raines and Miss Hatie Smith, of Stafford, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith, of Greenbank, on Dec. 27, 1910, by the Rev. C. W. Brooks. They are a very popular young couple and have the best wishes of a host of friends.

FUNERAL OF MR. WM. HARRIS

The remains of Mr. William Harris were taken to Shady Grove church Thursday morning and interred in the family lot in the church burying ground. The funeral services at the grave were conducted by Rev. J. R. Jacobs.

WON A THIRD

Mr. B. F. Bullock was awarded third prize on a pen of single comb White Orpington fowls at the State Poultry Show in Richmond.

WILDERNESS CHURCH

Rev. Oswald G. Poarch will preach at Wilderness Baptist Church, Spotsylvania, on Sunday at 11 a. m.

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Mr. Leonard A. Briggs, son of the late T. S. Briggs, of Stafford, has gone to Chicago, where he is employed with the United Cigar Stores Co.

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DIRECTORS OF FAIR MEET

Next Fair September 26, 27 and 28.

A HOME COMING TO BE FEATURE

Suggestion for Alms House Problem. Committees Named, Etc.

A meeting of the new Board of Directors of the R. V. A. & M. Fair Society was held Thursday, the following being present. Capt. Dan M. Lee, president; S. B. Quinn, secretary; Capt. M. B. Rowe, Messrs. H. B. Lane, Henry Warden, S. W. Somerville, M. H. Willis, Henry Dannel, M. P. Rowe.

President Lee and Capt. M. B. Rowe discussed the advisability of having a home-coming as a feature of the next fair and a special committee will be appointed to bring in a program for the event.

The franchise tax and fee of Society for 1911, amounting to \$20.00, was ordered paid. On motion of Capt. Rowe it was decided to reduce the capitalization of the society from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

September 26th, 27th and 28th, 1911, were selected as the dates for the fair this year.

Capt. Rowe stated that the Fair Society has a nice tract of land on the east side of the property which he thought would be a fine location for the Alms House of the city, as that tract to be a perpetual trust.

He stated that the tract was a very reasonable arrangement could be made, he thought, for the city to take charge of the tract. It is so situated that it would not interfere with other property. He said the matter had been suggested to a number of councilmen and it is expected that some action will be taken at the next meeting of the body.

President Lee named the committees and superintendents as follows: STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1911: Finance—St. Geo. R. Fitzhugh, E. D. Cole, T. McCracken.

Fair Grounds, Buildings, Renting—W. Somerville, M. B. Rowe, E. D. Cole, M. H. Willis, S. B. Quinn, Henry Warden.

Premium List—A. P. Rowe, C. H. Harkamp, G. T. Boulware, A. M. Garner, St. Geo. R. Fitzhugh, Henry Dannel.

Special Premiums—A. P. Rowe, J. R. Rawlings, Henry Dannel, S. B. Bradford, W. S. Emery, E. D. Cole, Privileges—S. B. Quinn, S. W. Somerville, E. D. Cole, A. P. Rowe.

Race Track—C. H. Harkamp, G. T. Boulware, H. B. Lane, F. L. W. Green. To Select Judges—A. P. Rowe, H. Dannel, St. Geo. R. Fitzhugh, H. B. Lane.

Invitations, Speakers and Reception—T. McCracken, J. M. Griffin, H. B. Lane, R. C. Vance, J. B. Gray, A. M. Garner, W. S. Emery.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF DEPARTMENTS: Horses and Mules—G. T. Boulware, Price Edwards, M. B. Rowe, directors in charge.

Cattle—M. B. Rowe, J. B. Gray, R. C. Vance, directors in charge. Sheep—Henry Warden, J. T. Coleman, M. S. Chancellor, directors in charge.

Swine—J. B. Gray, G. T. Boulware, S. S. Bradford, Price Edwards, directors in charge.

Poultry—M. Garner, H. B. Lane, M. B. Rowe, directors in charge. Farm Products—Henry Dannel, M. B. Rowe, R. C. Vance, J. M. Goldsmith, directors in charge.

Domestic Products—A. P. Rowe, Henry Dannel, J. B. Gray, Price Edwards, directors in charge. Manufactures—J. W. Landrum, J. R. Rawlings, M. S. Chancellor, T. F. Morrison, J. T. Coleman, directors in charge.

Trials of Speed—St. Geo. R. Fitzhugh, T. McCracken, C. H. Harkamp, Henry Warden, S. S. Bradford, G. T. Boulware, directors in charge.

Sports, Diversions and Program—M. Goldsmith, A. P. Rowe, J. T. Coleman, M. B. Rowe, directors in charge.

CITY BUYS ITS OWN BONDS

They Will Be Destroyed at Griffin Meeting.

The Finance Committee of City Council, Messrs. Lane, Somerville and Bradley, in July invested the sinking fund of 1910, amounting to \$2,200, in "National" Centuries at 85%.

On Saturday they sold them at 88% and bought \$2,000 of City Bonds bearing 4 per cent interest at par, which will be burned at next meeting of Council.

MORGANFIELD

Charles Morganfield, ex-convict, train robber, lecturer and would-be reformer of prison conditions, called on Secretary to the Governor Richard P. Owens at the Capitol in Richmond asking that the Governor remove his political disabilities. He was advised to go away, since the Governor would prefer to have some evidence of right living shown by him in penitentiary before taking any action.

ANOTHER TUMBLE IN EGGS

All the Northern markets are flooded with cold storage eggs and that has caused a slump in fresh eggs. Baltimore and Washington quote fresh eggs at 28c, Philadelphia here from baskets at 25c, with prospect of lower prices.

BURIED IN SPOTSYLVANIA

The remains of Mr. Edgar C. Cammack, who died in Washington Friday, were taken to his old home in Spotsylvania county Monday and interred in the family burying ground Tuesday.

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CONTESTED WILL CASE

Testimony of Witnesses for Plaintiff.

Counsel for Mrs. Mayhew in the Monroe will case opened their testimony Wednesday afternoon in Circuit Court.

Mr. Jack Sullivan, of Stafford, Spotswood Foster, manager of the Rappahannock Electric Light and Power Co., as the first witness. He fixed Aug. 2nd and 3rd, 1909, as the date of the last will of Mrs. Monroe and swore that both occasions her mental condition was so bad that she was unfit to transact business.

Mr. B. S. Pates, deputy sergeant, heard her screaming about 2 o'clock in the morning during May, 1909, and when he rushed into the hallway at her request he saw her in a state of hysterical nervousness.

Robert Stewart, of Stafford, stopped at her place in May or June, 1909, and she made him move from one room to another three or four times during the night, though none of the rooms were occupied. Finally locked his door and refused to be again moved. In July at breakfast she was in a state of hysterical nervousness, thought her crazy.

John Shopoff, of Stafford, was there in July and her mind was bad. At one meal brought a dry piece of beefsteak. She was unable on that occasion to attend to any business and couldn't make right change for him. However, she did change for him and noticed great difference in her condition.

Silas Brown, of Stafford, had known her for thirty years. In September of 1909 was taken to the hospital. He was in a state of hysterical nervousness, thought her crazy. Tried to drink a tumbler full of whiskey at one drink. Bought lunch to him and then took it away for no reason.

Mrs. Brown swore that on Saturday, July 21, 1909, Mrs. Monroe at the request of Mrs. Max consented in her presence, that Mrs. Max, Mrs. Mayhew and Mr. Mayhew for Kate to be named as executrix to send for Father Porrig and pay all expenses. Didn't know why the agreement was not carried out. Mrs. Monroe was a changed woman after the loss of her liquor license, which seemed to prey on her mind.

John Davenport told of many strange things he had seen Mrs. Monroe do in 1907, and his testimony was corroborated by a wife, who, as Kate Mayhew, lived with Mrs. Monroe for eight years. Both swore that she drank and that her mind was affected in the summer of 1909.

Peter Murphy, of Stafford, testified to the same effect as did James Batten, of this city, who drives one of the Cool Spring ice wagons. When testified that he began taking ice to her in May, 1909, and continued until the fall and that he never looked upon her as of sound mind. Had seen her in a state of hysterical nervousness.

Mrs. Max, of Brooke, one of Mrs. Monroe's old cronies, was the next witness and she created much amusement by a display of wit and humor, and convulsed the court, counsel, jury and spectators. She fully corroborated Mrs. Brown's testimony as to Mrs. Monroe giving her consent to the will.

Mr. Fitzhugh said she was positive about the date. She swore that Mrs. Monroe drank hard and said that whenever she stopped drinking she would die. She slept with Mrs. Monroe and in the morning she would drink whiskey and Mrs. Monroe got. Told Mr. Fitzhugh when he asked her if she would drink too much that she would like to see a gentleman who hasn't drunk and Judge Embrey had drunk toddlers in Mrs. Monroe's and caused much laughter by exclaiming, you know Fitzhugh, Mrs. Monroe was infuriated with Judge Embrey. Thought Mrs. Monroe's mind had gradually given away after the loss of her liquor license.

Mr. Fitzhugh said he had tried to stop Mrs. Max from having her say were totally unsuccessful.

Robert Powell worked for Mrs. Monroe a long time as an accountant. Knew that she drank Holland gin and brandy, but secretly, kept a bottle of gin behind the screen down stairs and another upstairs. Mrs. Monroe said she took it for her back.

All of the witnesses against her, without a single exception, gave Mrs. Mayhew a good character.

Thursday's Proceedings.

Court convened at 11 a. m. Thursday. Mrs. Kate Mayhew, the plaintiff, stated she was 21 years old, was adopted by Mrs. Monroe when she was 6 years old and had been with her 13 years. Her maiden name was Kate Quah when adopted by Mrs. Monroe. She always upon Mrs. Monroe. She had been sent to the public schools and took music lessons. She worked around the house cooking, cleaning and making. She drank hard work at 5 in the morning and work to 9 or 10 o'clock at night. She stated Mrs. Monroe treated her as a mother and would treat a child up to the time she lost her liquor license and then her attitude changed. Mrs. Monroe would trust her with anything she had. She often took large sum of money to the bank for her.

One time Mrs. Monroe was a hard drinker in her latter days, would consume as much as a quart a day and it would make her very cross. She kept large sum of money around the house, paid under the stove and behind pictures. Asked how much money she had when she went away to get married. Mrs. Mayhew said \$24 and this was given to her by Mrs. Monroe. Said Mrs. Monroe had tried to get men to open up her saloon after the legislature of 1908 cut her license. The loss of her license men out to pray on her mind. She seemed to pray for lawyers to get her license.

She was in the habit of carrying a dirk and sleeping with a pistol under her head and would imagine Mrs. Monroe had a pistol in her hand. She would take meat from some of her boarders' plates with her hands and transfer it to another plate. Mrs. Monroe had said in the presence of others that she had had \$10,000 on her (Kate) when she came there. She stated she was married under the name of Culsh, but did not know it as her husband, Mr. Mayhew, had secured the marriage license in Washington and she had never seen it. Stated Mrs. Monroe had consented to the will and was afraid to have the marriage at the house for fear something unpleasant would occur.

On cross-examination Mr. Fitzhugh got the witness to read a letter written by Judge Embrey to her advising her to give up Mayhew and dismiss him from her mind. This letter was written by Judge Embrey on July 21.

The next witness was Mr. W. A. McWhirter of Spotsylvania; saw Mrs. Monroe in spring of 1909, talking with her about seed potatoes in front of her store. He saw something was wrong with her.

J. D. Monroe, of Stafford, had known Mrs. Monroe for 30 years, noticed decided change in her conduct in the summer of 1909, but he did not stop on account of her not being able to transact business, sometimes would not know him when he went in, so for him once to take a look at her and Kate out in the country to spend some time and when he came would not let him go. Asked by Mr. Fitzhugh if he had a great deal more sense than he (J. D. Monroe) ever had or ever will have, Mr. Monroe said "I certainly do not."

Mr. John Shopoff, of Stafford, testified that Mrs. Monroe kept rot-

ten fish in front of her eating house and meat with skippers in it in her dining room, considered her mind in bad condition.

Mr. Fitzhugh asked Mr. Shelton why he had not reported this condition to the authorities and he replied it was none of his business. He lived in Stafford.

Mr. Jack Sullivan, of Stafford, said he had sold vegetables to Mrs. Monroe and had had trouble in settlements.

Mr. Jack Watson, of Spotsylvania, said he met and when he went to deliver it she did not recollect buying it.

The depositions of Mrs. Emma Leonard and Mrs. C. W. Webb, of New Jersey, were read, and court adjourned for dinner.

PROMISING YOUNG MEN

Duval Boys Canvassing Richmond for Charity.

Increased demands upon the Associated Charities, of Richmond, have necessitated an enlargement of its scope of work, and with this end in view a campaign has been started to increase its membership by adding 1,000 names.

Four accredited canvassers have been selected to do this work. The campaign workers have been selected from Richmond College and the Presbyterian Seminary. They are: T. C. Delaney and R. V. Lancaster, of the seminary, and J. B. Duval and R. C. Duval, of the college.

These young men are working their way through these institutions and have been chosen to do the work in order to aid them.

The Duval boys are from Orange county, twin brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Duval, and nephews of Mr. A. G. Billingsley, of this city.

AMATEUR PICTURE SHOW

Master Edward Blake, the bright